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Authority given to the Wisconsin DNR Game Wardens to give Citations for Hunting, Fishing, & Trapping Trespass Laws.

The Problem:

At present, Wisconsin trespass laws can only be enforced by County Police Officers. Police Officers are often busy with other business and cannot respond in a sufficient period of time. Wardens are involved with most of these cases and have no authority to press charges.

We feel Wisconsin law should be changed to allow Wisconsin State Game Wardens to enforce trespass laws concerning hunting, fishing and trapping complaints only. With authority to impose a standard trespass forfeiture, up to 3 years license revocation and seizure of all game taken while illegally trespassing.

Be it resolved that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Sauk County on April 8, 2013 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing Wisconsin DNR Game Wardens to enforce trespass laws concerning hunting, fishing, and trapping.

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